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Milk Production in Pennsylvania Up 1.6 Percent in March

HARRISBURG, PA, Apr 19, 2010 - - Milk production in Pennsylvania during March 2010 totaled 934 million pounds, 1.6 percent above last March's production of 919 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 540,000 head, down 1,000 from February 2010 but down 10,000 from March 2009.

Production per cow averaged 1,730 pounds in March, 210 pounds more than February's production per cow of 1,520 pounds and 60 pounds per cow more than March 2009.

Milk production in the 23 major states during March 2010 totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from March 2009. February revised production, at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 0.3 percent from February 2009. The February revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,846 pounds for March, 51 pounds above March 2009.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.32 million head, 162,000 head less than March 2009, but 1,000 head more than February 2010.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010
Milk Cows	Thous.	550	541	540	8,482	8,319	8,320
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,670	1,520	1,730	1,795	1,642	1,846
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	919	822	934	15,222	13,660	15,355

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